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### ■ From the Department Head's Desk

#### Strength of Department lies in both past and future



This is a special year for the Department as we recognize 100 years of service to Nebraska. Please plan to join us October 10-11, 1998 to celebrate our heritage. Undoubtedly, today's animal science programs would be unrecognizable to those who formed the department in 1898. This has been a century of unprecedented change and progress in agriculture, and it is difficult for us to

predict, or even comprehend, what animal science will be like a century from now. I am sure animal agriculture will be an essential part of world food and fiber security through the next century.

This newsletter provides only a snapshot of the breadth and depth of programs in the Animal Science Department. Quantitative measures such as grant support, publications and an increasing number of graduates do not adequately portray our programs' impacts. Better measures are the career successes of graduates, applications arising from research knowledge and our national reputation with both clients and peers. In the last two years, department faculty have offered more intellectual property disclosures to the Board of Regents than during the previous decade. Growth of our graduate program, while overall graduate enrollment declines nationally, indicates the quality others see in Nebraska animal science programs. I hope you share our pride of accomplishment.

The strength of our Department resides in the quality and dedication of our faculty and staff, the quality and successes of our undergraduate and graduate students, the value of our programs to animal agriculture and the broader society and the interest and support of our alumni. Your support is evident in many ways, including your encouragement, inquiries and contributions and we thank you for it. Please inquire about any program areas that might not be covered in this newsletter and plan to visit the department any time you are in the Lincoln area.

*Elton Aberle, Department Head*

### ■ Animal Science Centennial Celebration

Attention all Animal Science Department alums and friends! Mark your calendar now to attend the 100th anniversary of the Animal Science Department on October 10-11, 1998. Preliminary celebration plans include a social hour and buffet dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel on Saturday October 10. During the evening, a special program will be presented with a keynote address focusing on the next 100 years of animal science. Sunday, October 11, will begin with a champagne brunch in the Animal Sciences building, followed by many activities led by animal science faculty.

A planning committee is currently discussing several possible activities. The planning committee members, Abe Aberle, Dennis Brink, Roger Mandigo, Merlyn Nielsen, Sheila Scheideler and Doyle Wolverton, would also like to solicit program ideas from the alumni and friends to make this a memorable occasion for everyone interested in Nebraska's animal industry. Send suggestions to Doyle Wolverton, University of Nebraska, C214 Animal Science Department, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, NE 68583-0908. Paul Guyer chairs the history committee which also includes Charlie Adams, Bob Koch, Ernie Peo and R.B. Warren. They will prepare a historical highlights summary of the department.

### ■ Aberle Resignation Announced

In February, after over 14 years as the Animal Science Department Head, Elton Aberle announced his resignation from UNL and has accepted the position of dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Aberle, who also served as the interim associate dean and associate director of the Agricultural Research Division in 1996-97, will assume his new position this summer.

Currently, departmental faculty and Institute administrators are discussing the interim and future leadership of the department.

Please join us in thanking Dr. Aberle for his service to the department and the University and wishing him success in his new position.

## Graduate Program

We currently have a record-high 88 graduate students. Countries represented and the number of graduate students from each country are as follows:

Argentina	1	Saudi Arabia	3
Brazil	2	South Africa	1
China	4	Taiwan	4
India	1	Thailand	1
Japan	2	Turkey	2
Jordan	2	United States	54
Korea	1	Venezuela	2
Mexico	8		

The number of students in each discipline is:

Breeding	21	Physiology	13
Meats	13	Ruminant Nutrition	30
Monogastric Nutrition	11		

## Undergraduate Programs

In the fall, 1997 semester, 237 students were majoring in Animal Science. This is 13 fewer students than fall, 1996. Two factors may have contributed to this first decline since 1990: the unusually large graduating class in 1996-1997 (63 graduates) and the new, more rigorous University of Nebraska admission requirements implemented this year.

Statistics on Animal Science seniors in 1996 and 1997 reveal 63 percent entered the University of Nebraska as freshmen while 37 percent transferred from other schools. Furthermore, 59 percent of those seniors began as Animal Science majors upon enrolling at the University of Nebraska; 41 percent started another major before changing to Animal Science.

Animal Science 351, *Biology and Management of Companion Animals*, is a new course this year. The course, under the leadership of Dr. Edd Clemens, discusses the principles of dog and cat management, emphasizing basic knowledge of dog and cat behavior, breeding, nutrition and health. Students have been requesting such a course for several years.

Scholarships continue to make an important contribution to the department. Currently, 14 donors sponsor major scholarships specifically for Animal Science majors. For 1997-98, approximately \$15,000 was awarded to 20 Animal Science students. Several additional memorials and awards are available to recognize student accomplishments in areas such as academics, judging teams, Block and Bridle activities and teaching.

## Interstate Classroom Activity

Last spring, the University of Nebraska and Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas interacted in a class

activity involving a mock Congressional hearing. Coordinators Dr. Mary Beck, University of Nebraska and Dr. Janice Swanson, Kansas State University and their classes jointly selected HR594, "Pet Safety and Protection Act of 1997," a proposed amendment to the Animal Welfare Act for their debate study tool. Students from both universities sat on both sides of the debate.

All students were required to use the Internet and work closely to develop and coordinate the testimony to be presented at the hearing. The students were encouraged to lobby the participating faculty "committee" (Drs. Aberle, Brink, Clemens from the University of Nebraska and Drs. Martin and McClaskey from Kansas State University), using e-mail, flyers, notes, technical information and personal visits.

During the mock hearing, each proponent and opponent of the bill presented three-minute statements to the mock subcommittee, including questions from committee members. Following closing arguments, the committee met in executive session to deliberate and vote on the bill. Following the exercise, each student evaluated his/her own performance, as well as that of each team member.

Both Drs. Swanson and Beck felt this activity provided a unique learning experience for the students. Planning for the 1998 hearing activity, to be hosted by Kansas State, has already begun.

## ■ New Courses in Biotechnology

Biotechnology is increasingly important in both animal production and the agricultural sciences. In order to better inform our students and prepare them for possible careers in biotechnology, two new courses are being offered in the department.

*Introduction to Biotechnology in Agriculture* taught by Drs. Daniel Pomp and Mark Morrison, is an introductory, two-credit class open to all undergraduate students. This course provides a broad overview about biotechnologies, including genetic engineering and cloning and their applications in production agriculture and agricultural research. While a primary focus is placed on animal science, guest speakers broaden the course to include veterinary medicine, zoo animals, wildlife, agronomy, horticulture, plant pathology and food science. Ethical considerations of using biotechnology to influence the food supply will be discussed.

For graduate students, an intensive "hands-on" course, entitled *Applications of Biotechnology in Animal Science*, is offered each year during the eight-week summer session. This four-credit course is limited to 10 students and is taught by Pomp within his molecular genetics research laboratory. The course is one-of-a-kind in the United States. Students learn the theory and applications of biotechnologies, such as gene mapping, gene identification, marker assisted selection and gene expression, as well as methods. Students learn to incorporate biotechnology into their



research skills through oral and poster presentations, preparation of manuscripts and grant proposals and use of the Internet to access and analyze information.

## **New Nebraska Twist Steak Wins First Place**

A team of 10 Animal Science and Food Science students won first place and \$1,000 at a national product development competition at the 1997 Institute of Food Technologists annual meeting. Their product, the Nebraska Twist Steak, is a colorful pinwheel of beef and pork cuts, which combines lean, lower-value beef top round and higher-quality pork loin cuts. The meat is tenderized with a marinade in a commercial meat tumbler and then flavored with lemon pepper seasoning, rolled, sliced into pinwheels, frozen and vacuum packaged for distribution. With 3.22 grams of fat per 5 ounce serving, Nebraska Twist Steak fits a growing market niche for consumers who want ready-to-cook, low-fat entrees. Christi Calhoun and Tim Schnell, Ph.D. students in meat science, were active contributors to the project.

## **Beef 706, A Popular Success**

Nebraska's livestock producers have been going back to school. During the past year, capacity crowds have filled Nebraska Beef 706. The three-day program, co-sponsored by the Animal Science Department, the Nebraska Cattlemen and the Nebraska Beef Council, is designed to address questions relating to quality and consistency of Nebraska beef. Under the title "Improving the Quality, Consistency and Value of Nebraska Beef," the 706 course involves a range of "hands-on" activities, from live animal evaluation to carcass fabrication and product development. Three additional workshops are scheduled in 1998.

## **Inaugural Pork 101 Held at UNL**

Pork 101, a three-day workshop exploring the quality, consistency and value of pork, was held September 17-19, 1997, at the Animal Science building. The program was sponsored by the National Pork Producers Council and represents a joint effort with the University of Nebraska, Texas A&M University, Michigan State University and the American Meat Science Association. This national program provided participants with many activities designed to actively explore pork quality and consistency, including slaughter, fabrication and processing of bacon and hams. The initial program provides the foundation for 12 similar Pork 101 workshops to be offered across the nation in 1998. Dr. Dennis Burson, Extension Meats Specialist, leads the university's involvement in this program.

## **Gastrointestinal Research**

Gastrointestinal research has established its place within the department, providing insight while bridging the gap between physiology and nutrition. This science has expanded the departmental efforts to include studies in companion animal gastroenterology/nutrition. This research not only furthered the expansion of new markets for agricultural feedstuff, both grain and animal flesh, but has also provided graduates with career opportunities beyond the livestock industries.

The emphasis of gastrointestinal research, under the leadership of Dr. Edd Clemens, has focused upon colonic morphology and health as affected by dietary fiber source and the varied dietary proteins used in product development, i.e., plant, milk and animal flesh. These studies are applicable to both needs and interests of human health and to the little investigated areas of non-infectious digestive disorders within livestock.



## **New Faculty**

**Daniel W. Moser** joined the Animal Science Department as an Assistant Professor on July 1. Moser came from the University of Georgia, Athens, where he received both his M.S. and Ph.D. in animal breeding. His dissertation focused on genetic relationships between live animal ultrasound and carcass measurements in beef cattle. Originally from Effingham, KS, Moser received his B.S. at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

This fall, Moser will be teaching the live animal evaluation courses and will coordinate the livestock judging team. He will also teach Animal Management in the spring semester and will conduct a research program in applied beef cattle genetics. He and his wife, Lisa, live in northwest Lincoln.

## **Faculty Retirement**

**Doyle Wolverton**, Extension Animal Science Youth Specialist, retired July 2, 1997, concluding a 35-year career, the last 17 years of which were in a faculty position at the University of Nebraska. In addition to his responsibility for leadership for the animal youth program, Wolverton also had a major responsibility for the 4-H livestock program at the Nebraska State Fair and served as Manager of the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition.

Prior to coming to UNL, Wolverton was employed in both county and area extension positions in southwest Iowa. Wolverton, and his wife Dottie, will continue to reside on their acreage southeast of Lincoln.

### **Emeritus Death**

**Walter L. Tolman**, 92, formerly of Plattsmouth and Blair, passed away March 14, 1997, at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair.

Tolman graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1926 and became the county extension agent at Webster County. He later taught and worked in livestock research at the UNL Northeast Station at Concord until his retirement July 1, 1974.

### **Faculty Development Leave**

**Austin Lewis** returned July 12 from a year-long faculty development leave at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. The purpose of Lewis's leave was to learn molecular biology techniques as applied to nutrition and environmental physiology research with pigs. Most of his time was spent measuring messenger RNA in newborn pigs. Although he was working in England, the pig tissues he worked with came from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, from an experiment Tim Wester and Doug Burrin (two alumni of the UNL Animal Science graduate program) conducted at Baylor. This turned into a valuable, and hopefully continuous collaboration. Lewis also spent time observing teaching methods at Cambridge University, attended three scientific meetings in England and visited research centers in England and France.

### **Alumnus Recognized**

**Neal R. Merchen**, faculty member of the University of Illinois Animal Sciences Department, Champaign, Illinois, received the American Feed Industry Association Award in Ruminant Nutrition Research at the American Society of Animal Science annual meeting in Nashville, TN, last summer. Merchen received his B.S. in 1973 and M.S. in 1978, both from the University of Nebraska.

### **Bud Britton Animal Science Golf Classic**

The third annual tournament was held at Mahoney Golf Course May 16, 1997. The winning team: Bob Ducote, Galen Erickson, Merlyn Neilsen and Jay Wenther. Individual winners: Humberto Madeira for closest to the pin; Christi Calhoun had the longest putt and Rodger Johnson, longest drive. A steak fry followed at Burgess cabin.

## **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Helps Raise Funds for Nebraska Cattlemen's Foundation and UNL Judging Teams**

The 1997 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic initiated a special 5-Star Heifer Sale. During the event, five donated heifers were sold and the proceeds, \$11,350, contributed to the Nebraska Cattlemen's Foundation. An additional donation of \$4,600 for the Rishel heifer brought the total contribution to the Foundation to \$15,950. The donors of the heifers included James Monahan, Hyannis; Bill Rishel, North Platte; Richard Helms, Holbrook; Bob Volk and Jay Cook, Arlington and Paxton; and Jerry Adams, Cody. A portion of the sale proceeds will be used to support the Animal Science Department's judging programs.

### **Emeriti Addresses**

**Charles Adams**, 7101 Colby, Lincoln, NE 68505

**Daniel Bigbee**, 423 Rogers Drive, Stillwater, OK 74075

**Don Clanton**, 27310 Richards Ct., Elizabeth, CO 80107

**D. Murray Danielson**, 721 Apache Drive, North Platte, NE 69101

**Gordon Dickerson**, 6119 Everett, Lincoln, NE 68506

**Ted Doane**, Route 1, Box 71, Waverly, NE 68462

**Franklin Eldridge**, 3001 S 51 #552, Lincoln, NE 68506

**Paul Guyer**, 230 Parkvale Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510

**Donald Hudman**, 239 Davie Av, Stephenville, TX 76401

**Philip Kelly**, Homestead Center, 4735 S 54, Lincoln, NE 68516

**Robert Koch**, 6439 Westminster Ct, Lincoln, NE 68510

**Don Kubik**, 568 S. 159th Ave., Omaha, NE 68118

**Leo Lucas**, #17 7300 Old Post Rd, Lincoln, NE 68506

**Foster Owen**, 355 Forsythia Ct., Auburn, AL 36830

**Ernie Peo**, 6140 Lexington, Lincoln, NE 68505

**Tom Sullivan**, 2317 W 5th St., Russellville, AR 72801-5540

**John Ward**, 1208 Darlow, McPherson, KS 67460

**R.B. Warren**, 1339 N 37th St., Lincoln, NE 68503

**Dave Williams**, 8201 E. Harry, #1702, Wichita, KS 67207

**Doyle Wolverton**, 8300 Yankee Hill Road, Lincoln, NE 68516

## Richard F. Shinn

### 1997 Honoree

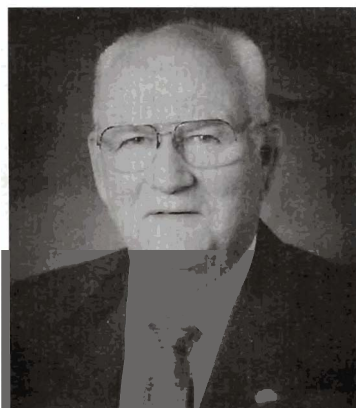
Richard F. Shinn, the 1997 honoree, was born February 26, 1930, in Dunning, and his elementary education began at a country school near there. In 1947, he graduated from Curtis High School, and entered the University of Nebraska, receiving his bachelor's degree in Ag Economics and Poultry in 1951. After college, Shinn served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon his return in 1954, he joined his father as a partner in Shinn Turkeys.

Shinn and his wife, Marilyn, have four sons, Doug, Mike, Bruce and Brad, and eight grandchildren. All four sons are involved in the family businesses; Shinn Turkeys, Inc., Shinn Turkeys S.E., Nebraska Turkey Ranch, Inc. and Aurora Turkey Project which produce over one million turkeys annually. The Shinn operations have been the largest turkey producer in Nebraska for over 30 years. In addition to the turkey operations, the family runs 550 cow/calf pairs on over 12,000 acres.

Shinn's leadership in the poultry industry extends beyond local family operations. He has been a vital part of the Nebraska Turkey Growers Cooperative (NTG), part of one of the only two remaining independent turkey cooperatives in the United States. He has served as board president of NTG for many of the last 30 years, served many years on the board and as board president of Norbest, Inc., the marketing cooperative serving NTG and Moroni Feed Company and has also served on the board of directors of the National Turkey Federation. Shinn has also been active in Farm Credit Services, serving on the Production Credit of the Midlands board, the Farm Credit Bank of Omaha and AgAmerica Farm Credit Bank boards, with a term as chairman on the two bank boards.

Shinn's other affiliations include memberships in Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Nebraska Turkey Federation, Nebraska Poultry Industries, National Turkey Federation, National Federation of Independent Business, Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement, Nebraska AgRelations Council and of the Nebraska Alumni Association.

His community activities include membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Blaine County Farm Bureau and service on local school boards.



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### Activities for 1997-98

State Fair FFA-Herdsmanship	August 29 - September 1
Prairie Stomp	August 29
Regional Meetings (UNL)	Oct 31-Nov 1
Little Ak-Sar-Ben	October 11
Fall Kids' Day	October 15
Balloon Sales	November 15
Little MAEC-Market-Breeding	December 5
Christmas Lunch	December 12
National Meetings (FL)	January 15-18
Spring Kids' Day	March 19
Big Red Beef Show & Symposium	March 20-21
Little MAEC-Meats	March 31
State Ag Ed Contests	April 2-3
AQHA Horse Show	TBA
Honors Banquet	April 24

### Recent Department Awards and Recognitions

#### Faculty

**Elton Aberle** — Board of Trustees, American Society of Animal Science Foundation, Member, Beef Industry Food Safety Council

**Kathy Anderson** — Tenure

**Mary Beck** — Promoted to Professor, Outstanding Contribution to the Status of Women Award

**Dennis Brink** — Essential Experiences Distinguished Mentor of the Comprehensive Education Program

**Dennis Burson** — Cooperative Extension Team Award

**Edd Clemens, Keith Gilster, Phil Miller** — UNL Parents Association Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students



**Larry Cundiff** — Beef Improvement Federation Pioneer Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Research Award

**Michael D'Occhio** — Graduate College Faculty Fellow

**Ted Doane** — Member, Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement

**Earl Ellington** — College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership Award

**Bob Fritschen** — Distinguished Educational Service Award

**Rick Grant** — Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest branch of the American Dairy Science Association

**Terry Klopfenstein** — President-Elect, American Society of Animal Science

**Bob Koch** — Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

**Rick Koelsch** — Nebraska Pork Producers Association's Pork Industry Service Award

**Todd Milton** — Graduate Faculty Member

**Mark Morrison** — Graduate College Faculty Fellow

**Irv Omtvedt** — Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement's Honoree

**Daniel Pomp** — Tenure, Promoted to Associate Professor, Secretary, of the National Animal Genome Resources Program, Editorial Board of the Journal Animal Biotechnology

**Sheila Scheideler** — Director, Poultry Science Association

**Tom Sullivan** — The Arkansas Tech University's Hall of Distinction

**Doyle Wolverton** — Award of Merit, Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council and Honorary Member, Block and Bridle Club.

#### *Graduate Students*

**Christi Calhoun** — Travel grant from Sigma Xi

**Christi Calhoun and Bernie O'Rourke** — Second place awards for posters at the Reciprocal Meat Conference

**Galen Erickson** — College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resource Milton E. Mohr Teaching Fellowship Award, V.H. Arthaud Travel Award

**Karol Fike** — John Hallman Memorial Award, CASNR Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UNL Parents Association Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students

**Rob Fischer** — Cooper/Sharpless Scholarship

**Byron Ford and Bryon Powles** — Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation scholarships

**Tammy Fojtik, Sergio Gomez and Bernie O'Rourke** — V.H. Arthaud Travel Award

**Humberto Madeira** — Center for Biotechnology Mohr Fellowship Award

**Curtis Novak** — American Feed Industry Association scholarship

**Tim Schnell** — Institute of Food Technologists Fellowship, 1997 Pork Fellowship awarded by the National Pork Producers Council

**Rebecca Splan** — Widaman Distinguished Graduate Research Assistant Award and Beef Improvement Federation Frank Baker Essay Contest

#### *Undergraduate Students*

**Ryan Baumert** — Capital City Kiwanis Club Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship

**Aaron Berger, Jeffrey Brakenhoff, Matthew Haumont, Jason Hirschfeld, Kelly Jordan, Casey Macken, Amy Olsan, Brian Shaw, Scott Stehlik, Jared Walahoski and Michael Webster** — Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition

**Bill Ference, Jared Walahoski, Jeremy Dorsey and Troy Anderson** — Academic Quadrathlon

**Byron Ford, Bryon Powles and Rosemary Vinton** — Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Scholarships.

**Deb Roeber** — National Block & Bridle Outstanding Senior Award

**Judy Woitalewicz** — Fifth place in the National Block & Bridle Junior Scholarship Award

#### *Staff*

**Darryl Barnhill** — IANR Outstanding Employee Award for Office/Service Staff

**Clyde Naber** — UNL Parents Association Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students

**Aaron Wulf** — Honorary Member, Block and Bridle Club.

## 1997 Livestock Judging Team



**Front Row (L-R):** Dan Wolfe, Indianola; Chris Hansen, Blair; Jared Walahoski, Elyria; Jeff Neumeister, Weeping Water; Mike Scholz, Stuart.  
**Back Row (L-R):** Elton Aberle, Department Head; Pete Olson, Kearney, Jr. Team Coach; Jeremy Dorsey, Arcadia; Adam Olson, Sargent; Blake Kuebler, Kearney; Dan Moser, Coach.

The University of Nebraska Livestock Judging Team competed at the Mid-States Contest in Wichita, Kansas, where it placed ninth Overall, sixth in Sheep, sixth in Hogs, eighth in Cattle, sixth in Placings and ninth in Reasons. Blake Kuebler was fourth in Sheep and 16th Overall. Chris Hansen was fifth in Sheep and Dan Wolfe was eighth in Swine; 20th Overall.

In Kansas City, 22 teams participated in the American Royal Livestock Show. The UNL team placed 10th Overall, seventh in Sheep, 10th in Hogs, 12th in Cattle and 12th in Reasons.

Dan Wolfe finished 11th in Hogs, 18th in Cattle, 18th in Reasons and sixth Overall. Other team members were Blake Kuebler, Jared Walahoski, Jeff Neumeister, Adam Olson, Mike Scholz and Chris Hansen.

The UNL team was one of 35 teams competing at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. The team finished 21st Overall, and ninth in the Swine Division. Dan Wolfe finished 11th in Swine.

Other team members: Blake Kuebler, Jared Walahoski, Jeff Neumeister, Adam Olson, Mike Scholz, Jeremy Dorsey and Chris Hansen.



**Front Row (L-R):** David Cichoracki, Millington, MI; Mark Hohlen, Trumbull; Amie Schleicher, Dannebrog; Jeff Neumeister, Weeping Water; Tony Nicholson, Rockwell City, IA. **Back Row (L-R):** Elton Aberle, Department Head; Keith E. Gilster, Coach; Jason McCauley, Walthill; Doyle Leefer, Unadilla; Chris Hansen, Blair; Chad Mau, Sutton; Rebecca Ross, Coach.

The 1997 University of Nebraska Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed fifth Overall, seventh in the Market Division, ninth in the Breeding Division, fifth in the Meats Division, fifth in Cattle, eighth in Hogs, eighth in Sheep and fourth in the Communications Division at the United National Collegiate Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in St. Joseph, Missouri. Doyle Leefer was 10th in Cattle and 18th in the Meats Division. David Cichoracki was 14th in Sheep and 19th in the Meats Division. Eleven teams and 94 individuals participated in the contest.

At the North Central Meat Animal Evaluation Contest in Madison, Wisconsin, the team placed sixth Overall, third in the Market Division, sixth in the Breeding Division and fourth in the Meats Division. Chris Hansen was 10th and Chad Mau 20th in the Breeding Division. Jeff Neumeister finished 11th in the Market Division; Amie Schleicher 19th in the Meats Division.

## 1997 Meats Team



**Front Row (L-R):** Terry Houser, Cambridge; Jeff Sindelar, Howells; Diane Bohaty, Bellwood; Mike Webster, Albion. **Back Row (L-R):** Dennis Burson, Advisor; Jay Wenether, Coach; Elton Aberle, Department Head.



The University of Nebraska Meats Judging Team participated in the National Western Judging Contest at Denver. The team placed fifth in pork judging and was eighth overall in the contest. Terry Houser was fifth overall in individual placings.

In February, the team traveled to Fort Worth to participate in the Southwestern Judging Contest. The team finished third in total placings and sixth in the contest. Diane Bohaty was second high individual in total placings.

At the Iowa State University Meats Contest, Ames, Iowa, the team placed sixth in the total contest and in the American Royal Judging in Emporia, Kansas, they placed 11th.

At the International Judging Contest at Dakota City, Nebraska, the team placed 10th in the total contest and Terry Houser was fourth in pork judging and fifth in total placings.

### **Your Newsletter Committee**

Earl Ellington, Chair, Dennis Brink, Chris Calkins and Dwane Zimmerman serve as the departmental newsletter committee. As you know, the Animal Science Department has a long history of providing an annual newsletter to its alumni and friends. Each year we hear words of satisfaction from several of you. We always appreciate news items, articles and comments from our readers. We hope you find this edition both interesting and informative. Our best wishes for a productive and enjoyable 1998, and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming centennial celebration. (For more information about the centennial, see page 1.)

### **Alumni News**

**Call for information for 1999 issue of the Animal Science Alumni Newsletter** — Because we all enjoy reading about classmates and other alumni from the Animal Science Department, we are asking you to send us information about yourself for the next issue of our alumni newsletter. You might include memorable events from your college days such as classes, club activities, employment and teachers or friends you would like to hear about. Maybe you could include what you've been doing since leaving campus, such as employment (when and where), participation in community activities, hobbies and other personal details. Please fill out and return the information sheet at the end of this newsletter and let us know what you're doing!

### **1930's**

**Richard E. Spangler**, 249 Stagecoach Road, Arroyo Grande, California 93420, owned and operated a grain and livestock farm in Cass County, until 1980 when he retired to California. Spangler majored in Animal Husbandry and, at that time, Howard Gramlich was department head, Loeffel headed the swine program and Alexander the sheep program. For two years, Ray Thalman taught classes he took.

### **1940's**

**Robert E. "Bob" Ramig**, 1208 NW Johns Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon 97801-1261, retired from U.S.D.A. (Ag Research Service) in February, 1991 after 43 years. Thirteen years were spent at the North Platte Experiment Station and 30 years at Columbia Plateau Cons. Research Center, Pendleton, Oregon. Ramig served as a city councilman in Pendleton from 1973-1992 and currently serves as mayor. He is active in the Rotary Club, VFW, UNL and church work.

**Willard Visek**, 1405 W. William Street, Champaign, Illinois 61821-4406, was recently chosen to receive the CASNR Alumni Achievement Award. Visek is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### **1950's**

**Ray Gard**, 4488 Pioneers Road, Beaver Crossing, 68313-9465, is a retired farmer.

**Carolyn Hall**, Box 42, Bassett, 68714-0042, is organizing the upcoming Sandhills Seminars to be held June, 1998 in the Bassett area.

### **1960's**

**Chuck Albright**, 1116 Linden Lane, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641, is Ag Instructor at Southeastern Community College, W. Burlington, Iowa. Albright and his wife, Linda, have two children; Lisa, a Clinical Pharmacist and Chris an Architectural Engineering student.

### **1970's**

**Fred Douglas**, 712 Avondale, W. Lafayette, Indiana 47906-1104, is Director, Vet Lab Animal Care, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, Indiana. Douglas recently received the Charles River Medallion. The Charles River Foundation is currently the world's largest supplier of laboratory rodents for research.

## 1980's

**Abdul Salam Babji**, 190 Srihartamas DUA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 50480, heads the Department of Food Science, University Kebangsaan, Malaysia. Babji's interest involves research and development on value added meat and poultry products. He and his wife, Els, have five children. A son, Ian, is studying civil engineering at University of Idaho-Moscow.

**Jihad Douglas**, Ontario, Canada, is Manager of Technical Service for Hybrid and the Poultry Nutritionist for Euribrid (parent company to Hysex, Hybro, Hypor and Hybrid). Douglas is responsible for establishing nutritional guidelines and feeding programs. He travels extensively and regularly presents seminars to customers around the world.

**Robin (Coulter) Lapaseotes**, Box 863, Bridgeport, 69336, has purchased and is actively managing her father's ranch, as well as starting a backgrounding feedlot operation. Lapaseotes continued her education by receiving her Master's degree in mental health counseling. She is in the process of initiating programs to increase self-esteem in young females. Robin, her husband and three children live west of Bridgeport.

**Pedro Guerra Martinez**, Instituto de Investigacion, Agropecuaria de Panaman, P.O. Box 958, David, Chiriqui, Republica de Panama, is currently directing a project related to research and development technology to improve beef production which introduces the concept of meat quality.

**Janet M. Mott**, 1511 S. 62nd Avenue, Omaha, 68106, recently completed training as a financial advisor with Investment One, Bellevue. Mott is continuing her training toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner.

**Marlin Papenhausen**, 87506 569th Avenue, Coleridge, 68727-2307.

**Gerald L. Walker**, Newsham Hybrids (USA) Inc., 316 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903.

**Gregory Weaver**, 418 Sweet Bay Road, Jesup, Georgia 31546, has remained in farming.

## 1990's

**Vaclav Adamec**, Nova Alica 210, Moravicany, Czech Republic 789 82, continues his graduate studies in the Department of Genetics, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. On June 30, he completed his nine-month service in the Czech armed forces. He reports it was a very interesting program, including a four-month stay at the Military Academy of Ground Forces in Bono and short maneuvers with the Polish Army. Adamec's e-mail is vadamec@vt.edu.

**Ellen Bergfeld**, 208 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign, Illinois 61820 has assumed the position of Executive Director of the American Society of Animal Science. Her business address is 1111 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, Illinois 61874.

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**Neal Kanel**, Route 1, Box 63, Dawson 68337, manages the Wittwer Fertilizer Service, Inc., a fertilizer-chemical custom application and propane business south of Dawson. Neal and his wife, Bonnie, live on a farm where he continues to maintain his cattle and farming interests.

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## Calendar of Events for 1997-98

### *BEEF*

Range Cow Symposium .....	Week of Dec. 8, Rapid City, SD
4-State Beef Conference .....	Jan. 7, Tecumseh
Beef 706 Course .....	Jan. 26-28, May 27-29, Aug 4-6, Lincoln
Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic .....	Feb. 17-22, Kearney
Feedlot Roundtable .....	Mar. 5, College Park, Grand Island
UNL Bull Sale .....	Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m., Animal Science Building, Lincoln
Cow-Calf College .....	June, Curtis

### *SHEEP AND GOAT*

Sheep Symposium .....	Nov. 22, ARDC, Ithaca
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### *SWINE*

Pork Industry Exposition .....	Feb. 4-5, Columbus Ag Park
Pork 101 Course .....	April 22-24, Lincoln

### *HORSE*

Horsin' Around .....	Mar 7-8, Animal Science Arena, UNL
State 4-H Horse Exposition .....	July 12-16, Grand Island

### *POULTRY*

Nebraska Poultry Industries Annual Convention .....	Apr. 1-2, Columbus
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### *OTHER*

Old West Trail Livestock Evaluation Clinic .....	June 26-27, Hemingford
AK-SAR-BEN Livestock Exposition .....	Sep. 23-28, Omaha

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